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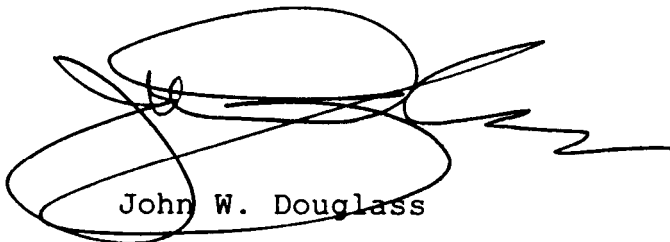
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SIMULATIONS

Encl: (1) USD (A&T) memo of 7 April 98

As we move into the acquisition world of the future, use of modeling and simulation is becoming critical to our success. We need to assure interoperability of simulations to leverage and maximize the potential of this technology for benefit to our programs.

The attached HLA Transition Report (enclosure (1)) has been approved by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. This document includes a list of simulations committed to HLA, those which received waivers, and those that will be retired from use.

I emphasize the importance of interoperability and encourage all Program Executive Officers and Program Managers and your industry partners to become familiar with this policy and to plan and program accordingly. Ms. Mahnaz Dean is my point of contact on this effort (703)602-6280.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Douglass", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a trailing flourish.

John W. Douglass

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, DOD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MODELING
AND SIMULATION (EXCIMS)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE MODELING AND SIMULATION OFFICE
(DMSO)

SUBJECT: DoD Transition to the High Level Architecture (HLA) for Simulations

Reference: USD(A&T) Memorandum "DoD High Level Architecture (HLA) for Simulations,"
September 10, 1996 (attached to HLA Transition Report)

The attached HLA Transition Report is approved in its entirety. We must foster broad simulation interoperability and reuse if the Department is to cost-effectively harness the potential of simulation to improve DoD operations. The development of the High Level Architecture (HLA) for simulation has been a masterful achievement towards realizing that goal.

As reflected in the report, progress to date in implementing the HLA has been heartening. All new simulations will be built in accordance with the HLA. To reap the full benefits of simulation interoperability and reuse in the near-term, it is also important to quickly transition our legacy simulations to the HLA, as required by the DoD HLA policy (reference). I am firmly committed to this policy and will insist the Components plan and program accordingly. I encourage our industry partners to follow suit.

Please convey my personal appreciation to each EXCIMS and HLA Transition Issues Team member. They are making a powerful contribution to revolutionizing the way DoD builds and uses simulations.

J. S. Gansler

Attachment

As stated

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